



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 1772
Examiner: R. Dye

In re application of

Applicants : Andre SCHEELEN et al.)
Appln. No. : 09/115,229)
Filed : July 14, 1998)
For : POLYETHYLENE-BASED COMPOSITION)
AND PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE)
OF ARTICLES SHAPED FROM THE)
COMPOSITION)
Atty. Dkt. : 32234-144216 (formerly SLVPE 3741.01))
Customer No.: 26694
PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is presented in response to the July 18, 2002 Office Action.

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time. The requisite fee is
enclosed. Please charge any missing and/or additional fee due to Deposit Account No. **GROUP 3600**

22-0261 and advise us accordingly.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-7 and 9-25 and add claims 26 et seq.:

--26. ¹ An article of manufacture selected from the group consisting of a pipe and a pipe coupling comprising a polyethylene-based composition wherein the polyethylene exhibits a standard density, measured at 23°C according to ASTM Standard D 972, of

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